

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ADD new claims 38-51 and AMEND claims 1-21, 27 and 29-37 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for providing access to a service for a user in a communication system~~, comprising:

using a specific record associated with ~~said~~a user, wherein
the specific record is stored at a server node ~~in the communication system~~, and
the specific record contains information ~~which~~that determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing access to said service.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

transferring said information from an authentication, authorization and accounting home server (~~AAA-H~~) to the ~~serving~~server node in the ~~signalling~~signaling path for ~~the~~a service setup, ~~and/or a service event and/or a registration, or a combination thereof.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

deciding, based on said information, that the authentication ~~and/or~~ authorization, or both, needs be verified.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

performing the authentication ~~and/or~~ authorization, or both.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

performing the authentication ~~and/or~~ authorization, or both, by using an authentication, authorization and accounting home server(~~AAA-H~~).

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

performing the authentication ~~and/or~~ authorization, or both, in the server node if the required parameters are available.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for providing a user of user equipment with access to a service from a service provider node in a wireless communication system, comprising:~~

using a user specific record associated with a user, wherein the user specific record is stored in a server node, ~~and~~ that indicates a condition ~~which~~that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified ~~prior~~ with a home network prior to providing access to ~~said~~ service; and

providing access to said service responsive to said user specific record.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

determining ~~if~~whether said condition is satisfied; and

providing access to said service without verifying said user characteristic ~~if~~when said condition is not satisfied.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

determining if said condition is satisfied;

verifying said user characteristic if said condition is satisfied; and

subsequent to said verifying of the user characteristic, providing access to said service if said user characteristic indicates that the user is permitted to access ~~to~~ said service.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

determining if said condition is satisfied when a call session between said user and ~~said~~ service provider node is initiated.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

determining from the user specific record associated with said user if said condition exists during a call session between ~~said~~ user ~~equipment~~terminal and ~~said~~ service provider node.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, ~~wherein said wireless communication system comprises a serving network in which said user equipment is located, and said home network, said method further comprising:~~

indicating, via said user specific record, when access to said service is permitted without determining, from data stored at a server node in said home network, if access is permitted.

13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, ~~wherein said wireless communication system comprises a serving network in which said user equipment is located, and said home network, said method further comprising:~~

storing said user specific record at a server node of said serving network.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

generating a register message at ~~said~~ user ~~equipment~~terminal and transmitting said register message to a local server node ~~of said communication system~~;

determining if a condition indicated by said user specific record stored at said local server node is satisfied;

generating an access message at said local server node indicating that access to said service is permitted; and

transmitting said access message to ~~said~~ service provider node.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising:

prior to said storing of said user specific record, generating a request message at said local server node and transmitting said request message to a home authentication, authorization and accounting (~~AAA~~) server of the user; and

transferring data comprising said user specific record from said home ~~AAA~~ authentication, authorization and accounting server to said local server node responsive to said request message.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

generating an invite message at ~~said~~ user ~~equipment~~terminal and transmitting said invite message to a local server node ~~of said communication system~~;

determining if a condition indicated by said user specific record stored at said local server node is satisfied;

generating an access message at said local server node indicating that access to said service is permitted; and

transmitting said access message to ~~said~~ service provider node.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said user characteristic comprises whether said user is ~~authorised~~authorized to access said service.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said user characteristic comprises whether said user is authenticated to access said service.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said condition determines the frequency at which said user is to be ~~authorized~~authorised ~~and/or authenticated, or both~~, during a call session between said user ~~equipment~~terminal and ~~said~~ service provider node.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein using a specific record comprises storing a user specific record.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus-server node of a communication system, said server node comprising:~~

receiving means for receiving a message from a user ~~equipment~~terminal;

storing means for storing a user specific record, associated with ~~said~~a user, indicating a condition ~~which~~that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing ~~at~~the user with access to a service; and

generating means for generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message to provide said user with access to said service, ~~thereby providing the user of the user equipment with access to a service~~ from a service provider node.

22-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus, mobile user equipment comprising:~~

record using means for using a user specific record associated with a user, indicating a condition ~~which~~that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to a service, wherein the user specific record is stored in ~~the~~a server node; and

generating means for generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service, ~~thereby providing the user with access to the service~~ from a service provider node.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for providing access to a service for a user in a communication system~~, comprising:

storing an authorization and authentication profile, associated with ~~said~~a user, wherein the authorization and authentication profile is stored at a serving node in a serving network; and

using said authorization and authentication profile at said serving node ~~in the communication system~~; wherein said authorization and authentication profile contains information indicating a condition ~~which~~that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing access to said service.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus server node of a communication system, said server node comprising:~~

an interface ~~for receiving~~configured to receive a message from ~~said~~a user ~~equipment~~terminal;

~~said server node configured to~~
a record using unit configured to use a user specific record associated with said user, ~~indicating to indicate~~ a condition ~~which~~that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to ~~said~~ a service, wherein the user specific record is stored in the server node; and
a generator configured to generate, in response to said user specific record, an access message ~~for providing to provide~~ said user with access to said service, ~~thereby providing the user of user equipment with access to the service~~ from a service provider node.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus mobile user equipment~~, comprising:
a processor; and
~~a control unit, wherein the control unit is configured to,~~controller comprising
a record using unit configured to use a user specific record associated with ~~said~~ a user, ~~indicating to indicate~~ a condition ~~which~~that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to a service, wherein the user specific record is stored in ~~the~~ a server node; and
a generator configured to generate, in response to said user specific record, an access message ~~for providing to provide~~ said user with access to said service, ~~thereby providing the user with access to the service~~ from a service provider node.

32. (Currently Amended) The ~~server node~~apparatus as claimed in claim 30, further comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit said access message to ~~a~~the service provider node.

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~server node~~apparatus as claimed in claim 30, further comprising:

a receiver configured to receive data comprising said user specific record transmitted from a home authentication, authorization and accounting (~~AAA~~)~~server~~ node.

34. (Currently Amended) The ~~server node~~apparatus as claimed in claim 30, ~~the~~ apparatus comprising a serving or proxy-call session control function node.

35. (Currently Amended) The ~~server node~~apparatus as claimed in claim 30, wherein said user specific record comprises a first data field identifying said user and a second data field determining when authentication ~~and/or authorisation~~ authorization, or both, of said user is required in order to access said service.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~server node~~apparatus as claimed in claim 30, wherein said server node further comprises ~~a storage unit~~ configured to store a user specific record.

37. (Currently Amended) The ~~mobile user equipment~~apparatus as claimed in claim 31, wherein said ~~control unit~~controller further comprises ~~a storage unit~~ configured to store a user specific record.

38. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 31, further comprising:
a transmitter configured to transmit said access message to the service provider node.

39. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 31, further comprising:
a receiver configured to receive data comprising said user specific record transmitted from a home authentication, authorization and accounting server node.

40. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 31, the apparatus comprising a serving or proxy-call session control function node.

41. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 31, wherein said user specific record comprises a first data field identifying said user and a second data field

determining when authentication or authorization, or both, of said user is required in order to access said service.

42. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving a message from a user terminal;

using a user specific record associated with said user indicating a condition that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to a service, wherein the user specific record is stored in the server node; and

generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message providing said user with access to said service from a service provider node.

43. (New) The method as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:

transmitting said access message to the service provider node.

44. (New) The method as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:

receiving data comprising said user specific record transmitted from a home authentication, authorization and accounting server node.

45. (New) The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein said user specific record comprises a first data field identifying said user and a second data field

determining when authentication or authorization, or both, of said user is required in order to access said service.

46. (New) A method, comprising:

using a user specific record associated with a user indicating a condition that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to a service, wherein the user specific record is stored in a server node; and

generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message providing said user with access to said service from a service provider node.

47. (New) The method as claimed in claim 46, further comprising:

transmitting said access message to the service provider node.

48. (New) The method as claimed in claim 46, further comprising:

receiving data comprising said user specific record transmitted from a home authentication, authorization and accounting server node.

49. (New) The method as claimed in claim 46, wherein said user specific record comprises a first data field identifying said user and a second data field

determining when authentication or authorization, or both, of said user is required in order to access said service.

50. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium, the program controlling a processor to perform:

receiving a message from a user terminal;

using a user specific record associated with a user indicating a condition that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to a service, wherein the user specific record is stored in the server node; and

generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message providing said user with access to said service from a service provider node.

51. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium, the program controlling a processor to perform:

using a user specific record associated with a user indicating a condition that, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to a service, wherein the user specific record is stored in a server node; and

generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message providing said user with access to said service from a service provider node.